



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

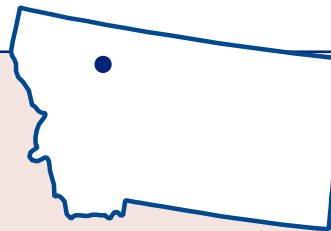
Great Falls Development Authority, MT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Great Falls Development Authority was selected to receive an assessment grant. Great Falls (population 56,690) is a regional center for much of north central Montana. The grant targets a blighted 60-acre swath of land along the city's riverfront with suspected petroleum and hazardous substance contamination resulting primarily from industrial uses. As industries along the riverfront closed down over time, land along the riverfront was redeveloped for residential, commercial, retail, and recreational uses. Today, the abandoned and underused industrial and commercial properties in the riverfront area stand in stark contrast to the shopping centers and residential neighborhoods that surround it. Nearly 17 percent of families living in the neighborhood adjacent to the target area have incomes



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Great Falls Development Authority for a brownfields assessment grant. The authority intends to use grant funds to perform assessments for properties with suspected hazardous substances or petroleum contamination within a blighted, 60-acre stretch of land adjacent to the Missouri River. Grant funds will also be used to conduct community involvement and outreach activities and for cleanup and redevelopment planning.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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http://www.epa.gov/region08/land_waste/bfhome/bfhome.html

Grant Recipient: Great Falls Development Authority, MT

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Great Falls Development Authority has not received funding for brownfields grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

below the poverty level. By assessing, cleaning up, and redeveloping the property for mixed use, the city hopes to create up to 250 jobs, stimulate economic growth, and improve access to the Missouri River.